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<i>Application Number</i>	10/664,739
<i>Filing Date</i>	Sept. 18, 2003
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Sujit Sharan et al.
<i>Art Unit</i>	2818
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Dung Le
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	MI22-2340

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other Return Receipt Postcard

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- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## Complete if Known

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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)			

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** =	X	=
			-3*** =	X	=

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		

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## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath			
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet			
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification			
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month			
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month			
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month			
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month			
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month			
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal			
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing			
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional			
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee			
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee			
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)			
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))			
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))			
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			770.00
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application			

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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Assignee..... Micron Technology, Inc.  
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Title: .... Method of Forming a Conductive Contact

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY RCE FILING

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AMENDMENTS

There are no amendments.